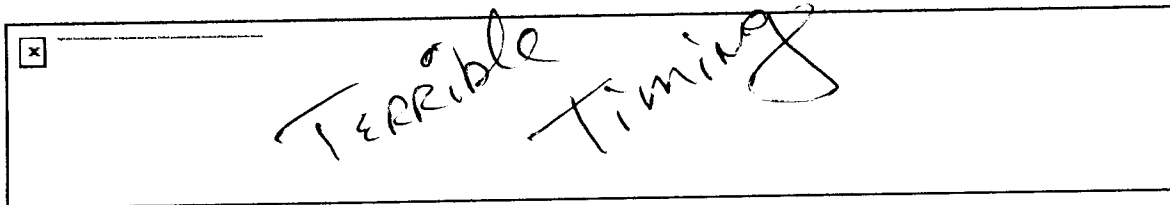


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From: AARP South Carolina [scaarp@aarp.org]
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Subject: AARP - Utility Rate Hike - Action Needed



No COLA, Tanked Investments yet SCE&G wants a 9.5% Rate Hike!

Attention: For SCE&G utility customers only

If you are outraged at the timing of SCE&G's request for an almost 10% rate hike at a time of economic struggle unparalleled since the depression, then you can do something about it.

Consumers can voice their opposition to this pending rate increase by writing a letter of protest. The letters should reference Docket No. 2009-489-E and be sent to:

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

The Office of Regulatory Staff will accept letters of protest through March 22nd, 2010.

Facts you should know:

- SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.
- New rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011.
- For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.
- SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.



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